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1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded for historical and public affairs purposes in accordance with references (a) and (b).
2. This is AUGUSTA's second annual report.

  
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**USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710)**  
**1985 COMMAND HISTORY**

USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710), thirtieth vessel of the USS LOS ANGELES (SSN 688) Class, was commissioned in Kittery, Maine on 19 January 1985. She is named after the capital of the state of Maine. Diana A. Cohen, wife of the Honorable William S. Cohen, U.S. Senator from Maine, christened the ship in 1984 and Senator COHEN was the principal speaker at the commissioning in January 1985.

USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) measures 360 feet long, displaces 6927 tons, has a hull diameter of 33 feet, and a draft of 32 feet. Her crew is made up of approximately 15 officers, and 115 enlisted men, all highly qualified specialists in their field.

USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) is the fifth vessel to bear the name. The heavy cruiser AUGUSTA (CA-31), its most recent namesake; served proudly as a flagship in the European theater during World War II. The present AUGUSTA's commissioning crew was headed by Captain Thomas W. Turner, Commanding Officer, and Lieutenant Commander David O. Samples, Executive Officer. Captain Turner was relieved on 29 March 1985 by Commander James D. von Suskil.

AUGUSTA conducted several months of WESTLANT shakedown operations as a member of Submarine Squadron TWO which took her to the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In May 1985 AUGUSTA participated in the ship's first Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and earned an above average grade. On 14 June 1985 AUGUSTA chopped from Submarine Squadron TWO to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE and returned to Electric Boat Shipyard for an extended Post-Shakedown Availability (PSA).

During PSA, AUGUSTA underwent major modifications, and was outfitted with the latest Combat System (CCS MK1) and the advanced development model of the Wide Aperture Array sonar system, the Thin Line Towed Array, and Special Hull Treatment. With these modifications, USS AUGUSTA enters 1986 as a much more capable submarine, ready to test combat systems intended for use on the proposed SSN 21 Class.

The reporting period ended with USS AUGUSTA's beginning preparations for sea trials, sound trials, recoverability trials and another round of certifications as an operational unit assigned to CINCLANTFLT.